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1. There are definite indications that the East German government and particularly the Interior Ministry were concerned about the outbreak of riots on the first anniversary of the 17 June disturbances. The following examples may be taken as signs of this concern:

   a. The sentencing, at this time, of the alleged instigators of the 17 June riots.

   b. The urgency to move the KVP headquarters from Berlin to Strausberg by 15 June at the latest, despite the delays in construction at Strausberg.

   c. The scheduling of emergency exercises by the Kampfgruppen of a number of industrial plants in June.

2. The SED leadership is reportedly sponsoring an anniversary rally in East Berlin, the theme of which is solidarity against outside sabotage attempts.

3. As compared with 1953, appreciably larger elements of the Soviet army located in the strategic areas have remained in their kasernes. Two whole divisions, the 10th Guards Tank Division at Potsdam and the 6th Guards Mechanized Division at Bernau, are covering the Berlin area. Over one third of the 8th Guards Mechanized Division is still posted at Leipzig and Grimma while at least one regiment of the 21st Guards Mechanized Division remains in Halle. An average of one third of the total strength of all but two other divisions are stationed at other strategic points.

4. A majority of the reports on the morale of the East German population agree that anti-government demonstrations are not likely to occur.

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